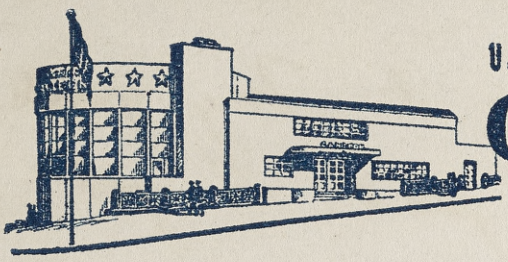

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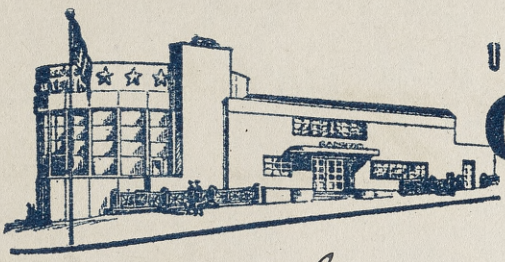
Wed., Nov. 1st

Dear Folks:

I guess quite a bit has happened since I last wrote and I don't exactly know where to begin. Anyway, I now have a degree - Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. The last week of school was rather hectic, but we kept telling each other that the time would go by and nobody

could stop it. My grades weren't too good. I got B's in Engineering economics, accounting, and electrical engineering (lecture) and a D in electrical engineering (lab.) (a one hour course), and I don't yet know my grades in water supply and hydraulic engineering and speech, but I imagine they were B's. I didn't have time to send my books and



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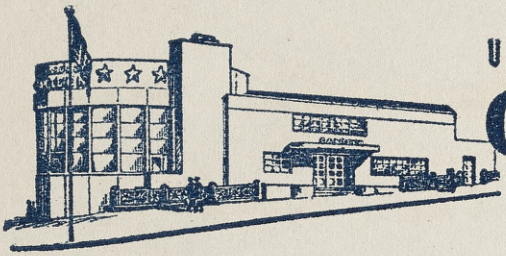
notes home. So Ray Sweet will send them for me when he gets back from leave this time. I told him to send them collect. OK.?

After graduation I went back to the barracks and ~~stuck~~ finished packing my stuff; and by the time I finished it was time to catch the morning

train for Chicago. We arrived in Chicago rather late Saturday night and slept at the Service Men's Center. If we had been a couple of hours earlier we could have heard the President. A lot of the fellows went to Chicago whether they were on their way to midshipman school or not because the fellows who lived in California, for instance, didn't have



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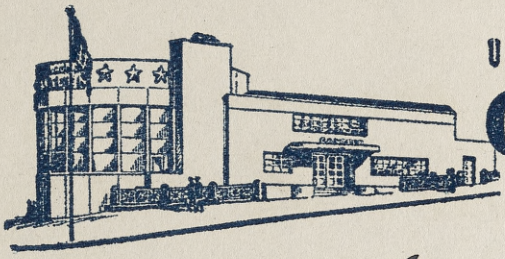
time to go home. Train schedules are only about a thousand percent better in the east than they are out west.

I was traveling with two fellows from Phoenix, Arizona and Sunday morning we called up the uncle of one of the fellows ~~and~~ who lives in Racine, Wisconsin and he met us at noon.

Sunday afternoon we went to the civic opera house to hear a bunch of the best barbershop quartets in America. The show was put on by the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. or the "Society for the preservation and encouragement of barber shop quartet singing of America." I really was a good show. Afterward we went to Racine, Wisconsin



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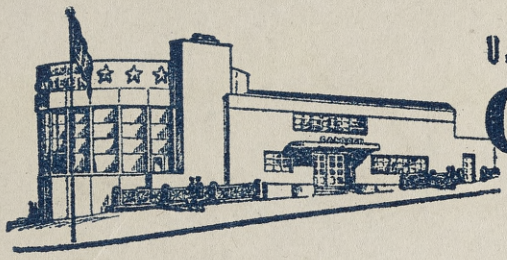
and stayed ~~at~~ with the uncle. Monday night we went to the U.S.O. while he was at Drum & Bugle Corp practice (that particular corp had been national champions three years in a row). When the practice was over he took us to the American Legion Club Room where we proceeded to get into a big

barbershop session.
We sang all the old
songs and a few new
ones in pretty fair
four part harmony, and
of course, without music
or accompaniment.

Then Tuesday we
came to Chicago again
and, met Ray Sweet and
several of the O.U. boys
again. And Tuesday
night we went to see
"Kiss and Tell". It
was good, but I'll



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swear some of the college plays have been better. Then I caught a late train out of Chicago and now I'm in Pittsburg waiting for a bus to Parkersburg. I'll never know why I came to Pittsburg first. It's just like pulling teeth to get any information out of these guys at the information windows.

And of all places to have to wait -- well next to hell, Pittsburg comes last. When I got here this morning the smoke and fog was so thick you could walk on it. I've still got cinders in my eyes. Well, I'd better go catch my bus.

Love
Jim

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